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SUMMARY of CHANGE

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- o Add land management objectives
- o Remove antiquities and/or antique using the collective term artifact.
- o Remove reference to written permission for artifact collection
- o Add prohibition against impacting rare and/or T&E species.
- o Add prohibition against harassing Natural Resources Staff.
- o Add prohibition against removing electronic dog collars
- o Remove Firearms Registration.
- o Remove restriction against turkey hunter signing out to more than one lettered area.
- o Clarify deer and turkey scouting times
- o Add prohibition against the use of turkey calls during turkey scouting
- o Allow .410 slugs and 40 caliber muzzleloaders for deer hunting
- o Expand dog training times back to a maximum of 1 Aug - 31 Mar, and year round at the recreation lakes only.
- o Add clarification that horses are prohibited outside of riding stable areas.
- o Add bobcat to authorized species to hunt with .22 rimfire after deer season.
- o Clarify blaze orange requirements.
- o Add requirement for deer ground blind hunters to display blaze orange
- o Allow Small Game hunting in KK-1 and MM Restricted Areas.
- o Allow Turkey Hunting in the Croatan Archery/Small Game Area.
- o Close Gas Chamber Area and portion of N-1 to hunting.
- o Re-allocate hunting slots in Training Areas.
- o Remove State exemption for fishing with natural bait in count of residence (Change in State law).

- o Add Kiest to the list of lakes with size and possession limits
- o Set personal floatation requirement to under 13 vs. 13 and under
- o Add Weekly Permit options
- o Add clarification on species not considered "wild birds"
- o Remove items from Glossary.


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History. This regulation is a revision. The sections affected by the revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This regulation gives information on hunting and fishing use on Fort Bragg.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all individuals that enter the Fort Bragg Training Areas for the purposes of Hunting or Fishing. This regulation covers only the Fort Bragg regulations for hunting and fishing. All individuals entering Fort Bragg under authority of this regulation are also subject to local, state, and federal laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Fort Bragg Range Regulation 350-6, installation security regulations, and state and federal hunting and fishing regulations.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Garrison Commander. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions to this regulation.

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Chapter 1

General

1-1. Purpose. This regulation sets policies and procedures for the hunting and fishing program on Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall military reservations. It applies to all individuals that use the installation for wildlife recreation purposes.

1-2. References. Related publications and prescribed forms are listed in Appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of Terms. Special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. State And Federal Laws. All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or boating on the installation shall comply with State and Federal fish and game laws, as well as all Army and installation regulations (see Appendix A) and will cooperate fully with representatives of law enforcement agencies.

1-5. Land Management Objectives. Fort Bragg lands are managed for multiple uses. Primary consideration is given to military training sustainability and compliance with federal regulations and guidelines for public land management.

1-6. Access. All training areas, unpaved roads, and firebreaks are off-limits, except for military training or for other activities permitted by this and other applicable regulations.

1-7. Enforcement. The installation commander has delegated law enforcement authority to the Fort Bragg wildlife officers to protect fish and wildlife and their habitat and prevent their disturbance, to protect installation property and facilities, and to ensure the safety of the using public. Fort Bragg wildlife enforcement personnel are authorized to enforce Federal, State, and local conservation and game laws and Army and installation regulations, issue military police reports and U.S. District Court violation notices, carry weapons, and make arrests or apprehensions in accordance with Army regulations and procedures established by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1-8. Violations

a. Violators of Federal and State game laws are subject to prosecution before the U.S. Magistrate. Violators who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice are also subject to prosecution under that code for any violation of this regulation. Any actions taken by the magistrate or by commanders under the Uniform Code of Military Justice will be in addition to the administrative suspension or revocation of privileges.

b. The Garrison Commander has the authority to revoke hunting and fishing privileges for violation of this regulation and Federal and State regulations and game laws. Fort Bragg wildlife officers have the authority to temporarily suspend hunting and fishing privileges for 45 days pending action by the Garrison Commander. Violations will be forwarded to the Garrison

Commander for appropriate action. Personnel will be officially notified of revocation of privileges by letter from the office of the Garrison Commander. Persons whose hunting and fishing privileges have been revoked by the Garrison Commander may apply in writing to the Garrison Commander after a lapse of one year and at three-month intervals thereafter, if they desire to have privileges reinstated.

1-9. Prohibited Activities. The following is a partial list of prohibited activities:

- a. Using alcohol or drugs while hunting, boating, or using the Hunting and Fishing Center (HFC) facilities, including sign-out/in lines and wildlife check stations.
- b. Any unsafe act or misuse of weapons so as to endanger life, limb, or property.
- c. Recreational shooting or discharging any firearm except as outlined in Chapter 2.
- d. Permitting unconfined domestic animals (dogs, cats, horses, sheep, cattle, hogs, etc.) to roam on the installation.
- e. Introducing plants, animals, or fish or their parts onto the installation except as authorized by the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).
- f. Entering the installation for the purpose of locating or “taking” plants or animals (as defined under the Endangered Species Act) to include but not limited to harassing, harming, pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, trapping, capturing, collecting, or attempting to engage in such conduct.
- g. Removing forest products (wood, pine straw, etc.) without proper authorization.
- h. Entering the installation for the purpose of locating or removing artifacts.
- i. Harassment of government employees or contractors involved in natural resources management.
- j. Disrupting operations or interfering with anyone using the HFC facilities.
- k. Intentionally interfering with the lawful pursuit of taking of wildlife resources or disturbing any wildlife resources for the purpose of disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife.
- l. Intentionally removing or destroying an electronic collar or other electronic device placed on a dog by his owner to maintain control of the dog.
- m. Removing, altering, or defacing information on regulatory signs.
- n. Camping on any installation land except in an area designated for camping
- o. Littering or disposing of refuse except in receptacles provided for that purpose.

Chapter 2 Hunting

2-1. License Requirements

a. The following licenses and permits are required prior to hunting on the installation:

(1) Fort Bragg Permit. All hunters 16 years of age and over must have in their possession a valid Fort Bragg hunting permit while hunting, scouting, or training dogs. Annual and daily permits may be purchased only at the HFC during normal business hours. The HFC is located on McKellars Road opposite McKellars Lodge. Fees payable for hunting permits are at Appendix C.

(2) North Carolina State Hunting License. All hunters and dog trainers, 16 years of age and over, must have a valid NC State hunting license.

(3) Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation (Federal Duck Stamp) Stamp. Waterfowl hunters, 16 years of age and older, must have a valid federal duck stamp, signed in ink across the face of the stamp. In addition, the hunter must possess a license having the NC Waterfowl privilege.

(4) Harvest Information Program (HIP). All licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds (dove, rails, woodcock, snipe, or waterfowl) are required to have the HIP certification.

(5) Hunter Education Course. All personnel that desire to hunt must show proof of successful completion of a hunter education course before they can purchase a hunting permit. The hunter education course must be comparable to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Hunter Education Course and must include a specific period of instruction on the Fort Bragg hunting program.

b. All personnel who are issued post permits will be required to sign a statement, FB Form 2261 (sample at Appendix C), releasing the U.S. Government and all in authority from responsibility for any injuries resulting from duds (unexploded ammunition), mines, barbed wire, falling into craters, etc., or any other injury resulting from hazards incident to hunting or fishing on the installation.

c. The loan or transfer of a hunting permit is prohibited, with the exception of minors using a parent or sponsor's permit. Minors (persons under 16 years of age) must be accompanied by a Fort Bragg permitted adult while hunting or fishing. The minor is not required to possess a State hunting license or a Fort Bragg permit; however, minors must be able to produce a valid hunter education card and appropriate big game harvest tags, if applicable.

d. While hunting, scouting, fishing, dog training, or boating, all persons will have the appropriate license, installation permit, and identification in their possession and will display same upon request to any person authorized to enforce the laws and regulations referred to or prescribed in this regulation.

e. Purchasing a permit signifies that you have been advised of this regulation and have received a copy of the regulations digest.

2-2. Days Open For Hunting. Authorized hunting days and hours will be posted at the HFC. Sunday hunting is authorized for all Category I personnel. (See Appendix B for definition of Category I.)

2-3. General Hunting Regulations

a. Hunter Control.

(1) Hunting areas are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. The Wildlife Branch Chief, DPW, will coordinate with Range Control, Readiness Business Center, to determine the availability of areas. Areas opened or closed for hunting will be announced by posting the information at the HFC, Stations Number (No.) 2 and 5, located at the Manchester and Southern Pines Roads intersection and Camp Mackall, respectively, and on the website and telephone voicemail system. The website can be accessed at www.bragg.army.mil/wildlife. Areas open are subject to change.

(2) Deer and turkey hunting slots are assigned on a quota basis. Seventy percent of the hunting slots are authorized for Category I permit holders and thirty percent are authorized for Category II permit holders. Ninety minutes prior to sunrise each hunting day, the Category I/Category II quota system stops and hunters may sign-out for any available slot.

(3) Sign-out/in will be done at the HFC and Stations No. 2 and 5. All persons must sign out prior to entering an open hunting area. Small game and turkey hunters are allowed to sign out for the ten major hunting areas designated by name or abbreviation. Table 2-1 lists each named or lettered area and indicates the type(s) of weapon(s) permitted and the approximate hunter capacity. Each individual will personally sign out and in on appropriate sign-out sheets or computers. Minors will be signed out and in for hunting on the same sign-out line as their parent or accompanying adult. Separate sign-out sheets will be maintained for deer and small game. Hunters may not sign out for both simultaneously. Deer hunters are also prohibited from signing out for more than one lettered area at the same time. Vehicle control cards (range pass) showing assigned hunting area will be provided at time of sign out and must be visibly displayed in the vehicle when parked. Vehicle control cards are required during scouting, dog training, and all hunting activities. The Garrison Commander can grant exceptions to the above sign-out policy if conditions warrant.

(4) Hunters are not authorized to leave paved roads to enter hunting areas until 90 minutes prior to official sunrise.

(5) Efforts will be made to account for hunters not signed in on time by contacting their home or unit. Physical searches of hunting areas will only be conducted during harsh weather, or when there is good reason to believe that the individual is still located on the range.

(6) Off-post hunters whose dogs accidentally enter Fort Bragg must coordinate with HFC before entering the installation to retrieve those dogs.

(7) Deer scouting is authorized from 1 Aug through 31 Dec. Turkey scouting is authorized beginning 2 weeks prior to turkey season. The use of turkey calls is prohibited during turkey scouting. Vehicle control cards are required for scouting. All persons scouting during this time period must sign-out and sign-in. Days and hours for scouting will be posted at the HFC and the HFC website.

(8) On special occasions, such as opening days or holidays, and in special areas, registration and drawings for spaces may be conducted for safety and security reasons. Such drawings will be planned, organized, and controlled by DPW, Wildlife Branch personnel.

(9) The Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DWMR) is authorized to plan and conduct special hunting and fishing activities for Fort Bragg Youth Activities, disabled veterans, and other special occasions as requested. All such activities will be coordinated with the DPW, Wildlife Branch to avoid conflicts with ongoing public hunting and fishing programs.

b. No person shall take any animal on the installation except as authorized by State and Federal laws and Army and installation regulations.

c. No person shall kill, cripple, or otherwise harm any animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal.

d. Manner of Taking.

(1) Generally game animals, except raccoon and opossum, may be taken only between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset with rifle, shotgun, or bow and arrow. (In the event you are trailing a wounded animal at the close of legal hunting hours, you will cease and proceed to the HFC for sign-in and assistance.) It is unlawful to use artificial lights, motor vehicles (to include off-road vehicles such as 4x4 trucks and jeeps, four and three-wheel cross-country vehicles, and motor cycles of all types), motorboats, sail boats (except as immobilized hunting stands), or airplanes in taking any wild animals or birds, or to use bait in taking game animals. It is unlawful to take deer that are swimming or in water above the knees of the deer. Migratory game birds may be taken only during the hours and in the manner permitted by Federal regulations.

(2) All game bagged will be reported on sign-out/sign-in sheets, computers, or physically checked in at the game check-in point. The HFC is the reporting and biological collection station for all deer and wild turkey killed at Fort Bragg. Station No. 5 is the reporting and collection station for deer and wild turkey killed at Camp Mackall. Deer carcasses will be taken by the most direct authorized route to the wildlife check station, located in the immediate vicinity of the HFC, for weighing, aging, and the collection of other data when required. Other animals harvested on the installation will be checked at the wildlife check station as directed by DPW.

e. Federal seasons and bag limits on migratory game birds are adopted as installation regulations. As they vary from year to year, information on season and bag limits published separately will be posted at the HFC.

f. It is unlawful to enter into an off limits zone--an area marked and designated as "off limits" on the master hunting map. All personnel are required to acknowledge these permanent off-limits areas.

g. It is unlawful to hunt or discharge any weapon from a vehicle within 100 feet of centerline of a named roadway or within 300 yards of a building or camping area.

h. In accordance with North Carolina wildlife law, no wild animals or wild birds may be taken from any vehicle if it is in motion, the engine is running, or the passenger area of the vehicle is occupied.

i. It is unlawful to drive a motorized vehicle on firebreaks for the purpose of hunting, scouting, or otherwise locating game. Firebreaks will be used for the sole purpose of going to and from the individual hunter's hunting/scouting area. Hunters will make an effort to enter and leave the hunting area as quickly and quietly as possible so as not to disturb other hunters in the area.

j. It is unlawful to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal by mutilation of the carcass.

k. It is unlawful to take any game animals by baiting.

l. It is unlawful to use any electronic or recorded devices for taking wildlife except crow and coyote. This includes calling devices, CB radios, or game tracking devices.

m. It is unauthorized to erect any tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on the installation for the purpose of hunting. This prohibition shall not apply to lagscrew steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal left in or attached to the tree. Lagscrew steps or tree stands should not be used in pine trees with double bands marking red cockaded woodpecker (RCW) cavities, or any other trees marked as off limits.

n. Possession of Live Animals. Every game animal wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be killed immediately and become a part of the daily bag. No person shall at any time, or by any means, possess or transport live game animals taken under authority of this regulation.

o. Artificial Lights. No unauthorized person shall use or direct the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light, or automotive headlights for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal within the boundaries of the installation or along rights-of-way for public or private roads within the installation.

p. No unauthorized person shall intentionally direct any light beam in areas frequented by deer within the boundaries of the installation or along rights-of-way for public or private roads within the installation.

q. Specific Regulations, Various Species. For specific dates, see State regulation.

(1) All game harvested will be reported on sign-out sheets, computers, or via check station as required. In addition, all big game tags will be validated in accordance with North Carolina hunting regulations. Persons harvesting big game and leaving it unattended must identify the carcass with their name, hunting license number, and date of harvest. If the big game is registered and then left unattended, it need only be identified with the authorization number received at the Wildlife Check Station.

(2) Large Game, Deer: Limits: Two per day (only one can be antlerless) and six per season, including deer killed elsewhere in North Carolina. The total bag includes the various seasons, i.e., bow and arrow, muzzleloader, and firearms. Of the six deer, two must be antlerless and the remaining four may be either antlered or antlerless.

(a) Deer Hunting Areas: Deer hunting areas are depicted as lettered or named areas at Table 2-1. In most cases, lettered areas correspond to training areas. Firearms authorized and hunter capacity for the various deer hunting areas are shown at Table 2-1 and paragraph 2-4a. Muddy Creek Quality Deer Management Area (QDMA): Muddy Creek QDMA is managed for quality, older age bucks, a high buck:doe ratio, and lower overall hunter density. Muddy Creek QDMA includes the entire National Training Area (NTA) (1-8). Only antlerless deer, when applicable, and antlered deer with at least 3 antler points (≥ 1 ") on one side or with an inside spread of at least 12 inches may be taken in this area.

(b) Archery Hunting: Antlerless deer may be taken in accordance with State law during the archery only season or if signed out on the archery sheet during the gun season. Archery hunting is authorized concurrently in areas where training or other activities are taking place unless specifically closed. Archers must sign out for a specific named or lettered area. If the area is open for gun hunting, archers must sign-out on the gun sheet, and only harvest antlered deer if the area is "buck-only".

(c) Muzzleloader Season: Muzzle-loading rifles only, antlerless deer may be taken in accordance with State law unless otherwise posted. Areas open for hunting with shotgun with slugs are also open to muzzle-loading rifles. Muzzleloaders may not be used for hunting in areas concurrently occupied or being used for troop training. Muzzleloader hunters are authorized to discharge their firearms safely after the hunt for the purpose of clearing the firearm. The percussion cap or the "priming" powder for flintlocks must be removed from the firearm while transporting in vehicles.

(d) Gun Season: Antlerless deer may be taken in accordance with NC State law unless otherwise posted. When signed out in a "buck only" slot, any deer harvested must have visible hardened antlers above the hairline. Stalking and stand hunting is authorized. Deer gun hunting is prohibited in all areas which are occupied or being used for training. Hunters observing troop

activity within an area in which they are hunting will cease hunting and report the activity to the HFC.

(e) Man-drive hunting is prohibited unless specifically authorized by DPW. Man-driving is defined as one or more moving hunters attempting to push or drive deer to one or more motionless hunters.

(f) Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited unless specifically authorized by DPW.

(3) Big Game, Turkey: Turkey hunting is authorized in accordance with State law. Only bows, muzzleloading shotguns, or shotguns, with #4 or smaller shot, may be used.

(4) Big Game, Black Bear: Bear hunting is not authorized.

(5) Small Game and Other Species: All species except waterfowl, as listed in North Carolina hunting regulations, and other species covered by Federal regulations.

(a) Sign-Out and Sign-In: Small game hunters are authorized to sign-out for the major (or Small Game) hunting areas. Small game hunting is authorized concurrently in areas where training or other activities are taking place unless specifically closed.

(b) Squirrel: Squirrel dogs are authorized.

(c) Rabbit: Rabbit dogs are authorized.

(d) Quail: Bird dogs are authorized.

(e) Raccoon and Opossum: For raccoon and opossum hunting, the use of dogs is mandatory. Hunters will sign-out following the time when deer hunters have signed in. Sign-in will be not later than 0400.

(f) Dogs authorized for hunting on Fort Bragg may be exercised or trained from 01 Aug through 31 Mar. Year round dog training is authorized only at the named and approved recreation lakes. All dog trainers must possess a valid Fort Bragg permit, sign-out/in, and display vehicle control card. All dogs over four months of age must have rabies vaccination.

(g) Bobcat: Bobcat hunting is authorized in accordance with State law. In addition, bobcat may be taken while hunting deer during the legal bobcat season.

(h) Fox: Fox hunting is authorized in accordance with State law; however, the use of dogs is prohibited. In addition, fox may be taken while hunting deer during the legal fox season.

(i) Coyote: Coyote hunting is authorized in accordance with State law, but further restricted on Fort Bragg to be hunted only during legal seasons for other game. Electronic calls are authorized during daylight hours only.

(j) Crow: Crow hunting is authorized in accordance with State law, but further restricted on Fort Bragg only to be hunted from the opening day of dove season through February. Electronic calling devices are permitted for crow hunting.

(6) Migratory Birds: A partial summary of migratory bird regulations are found in Appendix D.

(a) Waterfowl: Regulations concerning these species will be posted at the HFC.

(b) Doves: Dove hunting is authorized in accordance with State and Federal law.

(7) Frogs: May be taken from 1 June through 30 September. Gigging is the only authorized means of taking frogs. No State hunting or fishing license is required, but a Fort Bragg permit is required.

(8) Horses are prohibited on the installation outside of the established riding stable area and may not be used for hunting, scouting, dog training, or pursuit of any wildlife species.

(9) Trapping is not authorized.

2-4. Weapons And Ammunition

a. Authorized Weapons and Ammunition for Deer and Coyote Hunting:

(1) Any center-fire rifle .223 caliber (to include 22/250) and larger firing rifle cartridges with expanding bullets that was manufactured or converted for the sole purpose of hunting.

(2) Shotguns .410- through 10-gauge firing slugs.

(3) Bows which have a rated pull of not less than 35 pounds with arrows having a fixed minimum broadhead width of 7/8 inch or a mechanically opening broadhead with a minimum width of 7/8 inch in the open position.

(4) Muzzle-loading rifles or muskets, .40 caliber and larger, firing a single lead bullet. Modern in-line muzzleloaders and scopes are authorized.

b. Authorized Weapons and Ammunition for Small Game and Other Species:

(1) Shotguns .410 bore through 10 gauges. Shot sizes larger than #4 are prohibited except that larger size (to a maximum of BB) non-toxic shot may be used for waterfowl only. When hunting migratory game birds, autoloading and repeating shotguns capable of holding more than three shells must be plugged with a one-piece filler plug inserted inside the magazine in such a

way that the plug may not be removed without disassembly of the shotgun. Nontoxic shot is required for hunting migratory waterfowl. Twenty-two (.22) caliber rifles are allowed for raccoon and opossum hunting. Twenty-two (.22) rim fire and .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloaders are authorized for squirrel and bobcat hunting after deer season. Sign-out will be on a separate small game sheet for individual training areas which are not occupied or being used for training.

(2) Bows and arrows described in paragraph 2-4a(3), to include blunt-type arrowheads, may be used.

c. Unauthorized Weapons and Ammunition for Hunting or in Possession while Hunting:

(1) Buckshot.

(2) Lead shot shotgun shells while hunting migratory waterfowl.

(3) Full metal jacket or nonexpanding bullets (such as issue 5.56-mm or 7.62-mm ammunition).

(4) Pistols and revolvers.

(5) Fully automatic weapons.

(6) Crossbows. Exceptions include disabled hunters who possess a crossbow permit issued by the State of North Carolina.

(7) Any other type bows with any device attached to them, which contains any electronic circuitry that projects a light beam toward the animal.

2-5. Safety Regulations

a. Beginning with the opening day of muzzleloader season, all hunters are required to wear blaze orange safety colors (headgear and vest) at all times. Outer garments may be completely colored or consist of normal hunting wear with blaze orange headgear and a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange on the chest and back. Blaze (or Daylight Fluorescent) orange must be clearly visible from all sides and must not be faded. Faded blaze orange clothing and/or camo pattern blaze orange hats with insufficient amounts of orange will be rejected at the discretion of Fort Bragg personnel.

b. Deer hunters in ground blinds must have a blaze orange garment or marker, equal in size to a vest, displayed and visible from all sides.

c. Duck and dove hunters are required to wear blaze orange to and from their blinds, but are authorized to remove it once they are in their blinds.

d. During the archery only season, archers are not required to wear blaze orange, however, they will be required to wear blaze orange during the regular deer gun-hunting season, unless

they are hunting in permanent archery only areas (see Table 2-1). This does not apply to Archery and Small Game Areas (such as Croatan), where blaze orange is required during any open gun season. Blaze orange is not required for turkey hunting.

- e. Rifles may be used for deer hunting only in those areas listed (Table 2-1) as rifle areas.
- f. Upon completion of hunting, hunters will proceed directly to sign-in station.
- g. Hunters may not sign out for one area and hunt or enter a different area.
- h. Firearms may not be discharged within 300 yards of any dwelling or occupied building except on an approved range.
- i. It is prohibited to transport loaded weapons in, or to fire from, vehicles or aircraft. (A loaded weapon is one that contains ammunition in the chamber and/or magazine.)
- j. It is prohibited to transport any firearms in a vehicle, unless the firearm is unloaded and cased; except muzzleloaders can have a round in the chamber, but the firing cap must be removed.
- k. Except on an approved range, target practice and/or randomly firing a weapon within all areas, whether or not signed out for hunting, is prohibited. The only approved range for nonmilitary firearm use is located immediately behind the HFC. All individuals must coordinate with McKellars Lodge Rod and Gun Club before firing on the range.
- l. Carrying, possessing, discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on the installation is prohibited except as authorized.
- m. Minors under the age of 16 will be under the immediate control of their parent or other responsible adult. Immediate control is construed as being within voice control and eyesight, for 12-16 years of age, and direct control (within arms reach) for youth under 12 years of age.
- n. Hunting of any type in and around the school grounds located in areas II-4 and QQ (see Hunting and Fishing Map for locations) is prohibited.

Table 2-1 Hunting Areas and Deer Hunter Capacity

Unless otherwise posted at the HFC, the following areas are OFF LIMITS to hunting of any type: Drop zones, A (south of Honeycutt Rd), B, C, G (north of Gruber Rd), H, O, OP-11, J, All Impact Areas, and Main Post Area.

MAJOR HUNTING AREA	Permanent Archery Only or Archery/Small Game only Areas	Rifle Areas	Approx Hunter Capacity
Northeast (NE)	D	OO	2
	E	PP (Shotgun Only - South of Andrews Church Rd)	9
	A (North of Honeycutt Rd)	QQ (Shotgun Only)	17
	G (South of Gruber Road)	RR (Shotgun Only)	13
	Cross Creek (Portion of QQ South of Cross Creek & North of FB12)	SS	14
NTA 1-4	Ammo Supply Pt. (North)	I (QDMA)	10
		II (QDMA)	14
		III (QDMA)	10
		IV (QDMA)	11
NTA 5-8	Croatan (Archery/Small Game/Turkey)	V (QDMA)	12
		VI (QDMA)	6
		VII (QDMA)	8
		VIII (QDMA)	15
Latham (LATH)		K	11
		L	15
		M	16
		N	23
		P-2	4
Normandy (NORM)		P-1	8
		Q	13
		R	9
		S	21
		T	11
		U	17
		V-2	9
		W	16
Holland (HOLL)		V-1	16
		X	24
		Y	25
		AA	33
		BB-1	7
		NN	18
King		BB-2, 3	20
		CC	30
		DD	45
		EE-1, 2	17
		GG-1	16
Sandy Grove (SAN)		EE-3	14
		FF	30
		GG-2, 3	31
		HH-1, 3	25
		Z	16
Mott	II-4 II-3 (S of Plank Rd) Ammo Supply Pt. (South)	HH-2, 4	20
		II-1, 2, 3	22
		JJ	7
		TT	28
		UU	18
Mackall	KK-1 (Restricted) (Archery/Small Game/Turkey) MM (Restricted) (Archery/Small Game/Turkey)	KK-1 Shotgun Only	10
		KK-2	10
		LL	10
		MM	10

Chapter 3 Fishing And Boating Regulations

3-1. Fishing Regulations

The following regulations in addition to State regulations are applicable to fishing on the installation:

- a. All individuals 16 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid Fort Bragg permit while fishing on the installation.
- b. All individuals 16 years of age or older who fish on the installation must possess a valid North Carolina fishing license, no matter the type of bait used (artificial or natural bait).
- c. Fishing is permitted year-round, 24 hours a day, unless otherwise posted. Locations of lakes are shown on the Fort Bragg Hunting and Fishing map, which is available at the HFC and the HFC Website.
- d. Snagging fish is prohibited.
- e. With the exception of minnow nets, the use of nets and fish traps in all lakes and streams is prohibited.
- f. Using minnows for bait is prohibited on designated lakes. The HFC will maintain and post a list of the lakes closed to fishing with minnows.
- g. Trotline fishing is authorized except in intensively managed catfish lakes. Trotlines will not be left unattended. Trotline use and placement will be in accordance with State regulations.
- h. A maximum of two fishing rods, or trot lines, per person is allowed while fishing in all lakes. McFayden Pond has a limit of one pole per child (see 3-1.t).
- i. Fishing in closed lakes, exceeding a posted creel limit, and non-compliance with length restrictions are prohibited.
- j. Fishing or boating within 100 meters of any dam, water plant, or sewage treatment plant on the Little River is prohibited.
- k. It is unauthorized to take fish in any lake while attempting to feed the fish by throwing any kind of fish food or anything that resembles fish food into the lake (i.e. chumming).
- l. Andrews Church, Lower McKellars, Moss Gill and Wyatt lakes are closed daily from 0600-1100.
- m. The possession limit for catfish in Lower McKellars, Mossgeil, and Wyatt Lakes is three daily, all of which must be a minimum of 14 inches in length. The possession limit for

largemouth bass in MacArthur, Simmons, Hurley, Kiest, and Lindsay lakes is five daily, all of which must be a minimum of 16 inches in length.

n. The possession limit for channel catfish in Andrews Church Lake is five daily, with no minimum size requirements.

o. While fishing on lakes with possession limits and/or length restrictions, no one may possess more than the daily limit and/or possess fish within a restricted length, regardless of where or how the fish are acquired.

p. Largemouth bass and channel catfish may not be cleaned or processed on or around any lake.

q. McKeithan Pond, located in McPherson Impact Area, and Young's Lake are permanently closed.

r. Smith Lake fisheries management and fishing programs are being revised. Lake status and fishing procedures will be posted at the HFC, Smith Lake, and appropriate websites.

s. McFayden Pond is open to youth fishing only, 15 years of age and under. An adult possessing a Fort Bragg fishing permit and a NC state fishing license, if applicable, must accompany youth. McFayden Pond is open during daylight hours with shore fishing only. No fishing with minnows. Youth fishing on this lake are only authorized one pole each. Adults are prohibited from fishing. Adults may assist younger children with casting, handling fish, and other complex functions if they are directly instructing a child. Youth must be actively engaged in fishing activity and be responsible for tending the pole and line, reeling, landing fish, and all other aspects of fishing for which they are capable.

3-2. Boating Regulations

In addition to North Carolina boating and water safety laws, the following regulations apply on the installation:

a. Boats and float tubes are prohibited in Andrews Church, Lower McKellars, Mossgeil, Wyatt, and McFayden lakes.

b. There is no restriction on motor size use in McArthur, Mott and Big Muddy lakes.

c. Maximum size of motors to be used on all other lakes and streams is 25 horsepower. Larger motors may be used to trailer boats only.

d. Boats used on waters of the installation will be equipped with life preservers and other safety equipment as required by State and Federal laws. Youth under thirteen years of age will wear life preservers at all times. Weight capacity and number of occupants will not exceed the maximum allowed as stated on the boat data plate.

e. Operating a boat in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger life, limb, or property is prohibited.

f. Maximum boat speed in congested areas (fishing or docking) will be a "no wake speed."

g. Waterskiing, jet skiing, and wind surfing on installation waters is prohibited.

h. Swimming in any lakes (unless specifically approved for swimming), rivers, and other bodies of water on the installation is prohibited. Exceptions to this may be granted by Range Control.

Chapter 4 Suggestions

Recommendations, suggestions, or information pertinent to improving installation hunting, and fishing program will be submitted in writing to DPW (IMSE-BRG-PWN-W).

Appendix A References

Section I Related Publications.

A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.

10 USC 2671

Military Reservation and Facilities: Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping.

16 USC 670a-670d

The Sikes Act.

16 USC 703-711, and 50 CFR

Part 20 (Migratory Bird Hunting), Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

16 USC 718(A)

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Tax Act.

16 USC 742, J-1, and 50 CFR 19

Airborne Hunting Act.

16 USC 1538-1543, and 50 CFR 17 and 23

Endangered Species Act and Convention.

18 USC 113

Assault.

Public Law 97-79

Lacey Act Amendments of 1981

North Carolina General Statutes

Chapter 113, Subchapter IV, Game Laws.

North Carolina Administrative Code

Title 15, Subchapters 10B, 10C, 10F, and 10I.

North Carolina Session Laws of:

1975, Chapter 748

1977, Chapter 471, as amended by 1981, Chapter 506

1977, Chapter 241

1967, Chapter 267

AR 200-3

Natural Resources: Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management, 28 Feb 95.

Section II Prescribed Forms.

FB Form 2261

Release (Prescribed in para 2-1b).

FB Form 2404-8

Hunting and Fishing Permit Application.

FB Form 2404-10

Fort Bragg, North Carolina Hunting and/or Fishing Permit (Prescribed in para B).

Appendix B Permit Fees and Categories

General. The following is a listing of fees payable for installation hunting and fishing permits:

a. Category I: Military personnel, active duty, retired, and their dependents; National Guard and Reserve; 50 percent or more Disabled American Veterans; Department of Defense appropriated and non-appropriated fund (40 hour/week) employees, both active duty and retired, and their dependents.

b. Category II: Civilians excluding those in Category I will be authorized to hunt and fish on the Fort Bragg installation. Such access will be within manageable quotas, subject to safety requirements and military security, and at such times as such access can be granted without bona fide impairment of the military mission as determined by the installation commander. Opportunities for recreational use of installation land and waters by the public will be based on the principle of first come, first served. The possession of a Fort Bragg civilian permit does not guarantee that a hunting space will be available.

c. Fees payable are the same for Categories I and II. Annual permits are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

(1) Daily Hunt or Fish	\$ 5.00
(2) Weekly (7day) Hunt or Fish	\$15.00
(3) Annual Hunt	\$25.00
(4) Annual Fish	\$25.00
(5) Annual Combination Hunt & Fish	\$40.00



d. No-Cost Hunting and Fishing Permits: The following categories of personnel are eligible to receive a no-cost lifetime Fort Bragg Hunting and Fishing Permit upon presentation of an equivalent no-cost or reduced-cost lifetime hunting and/or fishing license issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

(1) Disabled Veterans: Those determined to be 50 percent or more disabled by the Veterans Administration.

(2) Senior Citizens: Age 70 or older.

(3) Totally Disabled: Physically incapable of being gainfully employed, as prescribed in North Carolina General Statutes.

(4) Legally Blind: Fishing permit only.

e. Disabled or handicapped sportspersons that cannot follow the established procedures for hunting and fishing on Fort Bragg will be given special consideration in the use of the recreational program. Any individual requiring assistance should contact the Hunting and Fishing Center.

Appendix C
Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

I, Ima Good Hunter, am about to voluntarily participate in hunting and/or fishing on Fort Bragg, Camp Mackall, or Pope Air Force Base. I understand and acknowledge that hunting and fishing are inherently dangerous activities. I agree that I am assuming the risk of all personal injuries, death, and property damage which may occur as a result of taking part in these outdoor activities. These include such injuries or damage as may be caused by:

(INITIAL BELOW)

IGH - hazards incident to hunting or fishing in military training areas; to include but not limited to duds, mines, barbed wire, or foxholes;

IGH - the negligent acts of other hunters or fishers;

IGH - any dangerous condition, known or unknown, that exists in the military training areas;

IGH - any other negligent act of Fort Bragg or the Public Works Business Center.

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, and my heirs voluntarily agree to release, waive, and hold harmless the United States Army, Fort Bragg, Public Works Business Center, its agents, officers, and employees for any and all claims arising from participating in any hunting or fishing activity.

I certify on this 21st day of July, 2003, that I/my child will follow all North Carolina and Fort Bragg hunting and fishing regulations.

IMA GOOD HUNTER
Signature of Hunter/Fisher

If participant is a minor child, in addition to initialing above a parent or legal guardian must sign.

I, _____, parent/legal guardian of the above child, consent to his/her participation in hunting and fishing activities and will abide by the above indemnity agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Appendix D

Migratory Bird Regulations

The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

D-1. Restrictions

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- a. With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- b. From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle or motor-driven land conveyance.
- c. No person shall take migratory waterfowl while possessing shot other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic by Federal law.

Wanton Waste.

All migratory game birds killed or crippled shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

D-3. Possession of Live Birds.

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

D-4. Field Possession Limit.

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, home, etc.

Tagging.

No person shall give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

- a. The hunter's signature and address.
- b. The total number of birds involved, by species.
- c. The dates such birds were killed.

No person or business shall receive, transport, or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

D-6. Field Dressing.

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game birds (except doves) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds being transported from the field to one's home.

D-7. Shooting Hours.

Shooting hours for migratory birds are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset unless otherwise posted.

D-8. Blaze Orange.

During the entire gun hunting season (approximately 5 October to 28 February), duck and dove hunters are required to wear blaze orange (in accordance with section 2-5) to and from their blinds, but are authorized to remove it once they are in their blinds.

GLOSSARY

Artifact

An object of cultural significance.

Closed season

The time during which birds or animals may not be taken.

Endangered wildlife

Any animal currently on the list of endangered species published by the U.S. Department of the Interior. This list includes, but is not limited to, the red-cockaded woodpecker.

Family member (dependent)

Any family member that possesses a valid ID card.

Game

All game fish and game animals (animals that are pursued for food or sport) that are regulated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and/or the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Game animals

Resident and migratory game species including deer, turkey, squirrels, quail, rabbits, and other regulated species (does not include Rock Doves/pigeons).

Game fish

Inland game fish to include chain pickerel, black bass, and panfish that are regulated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Installation

Fort Bragg to include Camp Mackall.

Loaded weapon

A weapon containing ammunition either in the chamber or magazine (A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when the percussion cap is removed from the firearm.).

Migratory game birds

Ducks, geese, swans, doves, woodcock, and snipe.

Migratory wild waterfowl

Anatidae or waterfowl to include wild ducks, geese and swans; migratory wild birds; shore birds to include snipe and woodcock.

Natural bait

Bait which may be beneficially digested by fish.

Off-road vehicle

Any motorized vehicle designed primarily for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain.

Open season

The time during which birds or animals may be lawfully taken (Each period of time prescribed as an open season shall include the first and last days of the season).

Possession

The control of articles, property, or wildlife without regard to ownership.

Revocation

A permanent forfeiture of an individual's hunting and fishing privileges on the installation.

Snagging

The drawing of a line with hooks through the water and jerking the hooks into an external portion of the fish.

State

The State of North Carolina.

Suspension

A forfeiture of an individual's hunting and fishing privileges for a prescribed period of time.

Take

Lawful take:

The pursuit, hunting, fishing, capture, or killing of animals; in the manner, at the time, and by the means specifically permitted.

Unlawful take:

Includes pursuing, shooting, hunting, fishing, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring, and netting animals, collecting birds' nests or eggs, and all lesser acts other than in the manner, at the time, and by the means specifically permitted; including disturbing or annoying animals, or placing or using any net or other device for the purpose of taking animals, whether or not they result in the taking of such animals.

Endangered Species take:

Where endangered species are involved, take includes all actions prohibited by the Endangered Species Act and any subsequent court cases interpreting the act.

To fish

The same as to take fish.

To hunt

The same as to take animals.

Upland game birds

Quail, commonly known as bobwhite or partridge, and wild turkey.

Wildlife

Wild animals, wild birds (does not include English sparrows, starlings, or Rock Doves/pigeons), all fish found in inland fishing waters, and inland game fish (unless the context clearly states otherwise, the definitions of wildlife, wildlife resources, wild animals, wild birds, fish, and the like are deemed to include species normally wild or indistinguishable from wild species, which are raised or kept in captivity). All wildlife species are protected by state and federal law, unless specifically designated otherwise.

